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TRANSCRIPTS AT U.S. EMBASSIES ABROAD

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1. REVIEW OF TRANSCRIPT OF MAY 6 MEETING OF INDUSTRIAL WORKING PARTY (IWP) ON OIL MARKET INFORMATION WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON JUNE 30 AT SHELL CENTRE BY GEORGE GLASS OF SHELL. ONLY CHANGE SUGGESTED IS AS FOLLOWS: PAGE LA, LINE 5: DELETE "SHELL OIL" AND INSERT "SHELL INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM CO. LTD."

2. IN REVIEWING TRANSCRIPT GLASS REITERATED SHELL DISSATISFACTION WITH EXISTING TEMPORARY PROCEDURES, AND NOTED HIS REVIEW FOR LITERAL ACCURACY, NOT LEGAL ANTI-TRUST IMPLICATIONS, WAS MADE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS.

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3. GLASS OBSERVED THAT NON-US COMPANIES HAD HIGH DEGREE OF SELF-INTEREST IN MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIALITY OF TRANSCRIPTS AND THEREFORE SAW NO REASON WHY THEY COULD NOT BE TRUSTED TO ASSUME SAFEGUARDING RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH WOULD ALLOW THEM TO ACCOMPLISH REVIEW ON COMPANY PREMISES WITHOUT PRESENCE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE CLEARED TO HANDLE "CONFIDENTIAL" MATERIAL. HE NOTED BOTH HE AND HIS SECRETARY HAVE BEEN CLEARED TO HANDLE SIMILAR TYPE OF INFORMATION BY HMG AND THEY ARE ONLY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED ACCESS TO HIS OFFICE SAFE WHERE CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS ARE KEPT. GLASS BELIEVES MOST SHELL AND BP EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN IWP/IAB PROCEEDINGS EITHER HAD OR COULD OBTAIN SIMILAR HMG SECURITY CLEARANCES IF THIS WERE DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY. SIMILARLY, OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL CONCEIVABLY COULD OBTAIN SUCH CLEARANCE.

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